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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002 (Paper No. 4). Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 26, with the following:

Although actions of the present invention are not clear, the first layer, containing a polymer between the supporting body and the relevant infrared ray susceptible layer, exists and functions as a thermal insulating layer, whereby heat generated by exposure of an infrared laser is not diffused into the supporting body, but efficiently used for a covalent bond formation reaction of the second layer. High sensitivity is realized as well as the sensitivity to an infrared laser by providing the second layer which is an infrared ray

